

A. **Homework/Classwork:** *(usually these assignments will be worth 5 points, but the total may vary with larger assignments).* Homework/Classwork assignments are selected to improve your knowledge and proficiency and to prepare you for tests and laboratories. I will write your homework assignments on the white board in C306 and post it on Ed-Line. You are expected to complete homework promptly and accurately and to turn homework in as you enter class on the day the assignment is due. **Late homework will not be accepted. There are no extra credit assignments.** When you are absent your homework will be due two days after you return. If you have an extended absence we will work together to arrange a timetable to make up any missed work. Homework from unexcused absences or tardiness will not count. Classwork assignments are due when specified for each assignment. Basic guidelines:

1. Submitted homework/classwork must be labeled with:  
Name (first and last)  
Due Date  
Chem/Bio/Aviation\_\_\_\_  
Title of Assignment
2. Write in ink if possible (you may do calculations in pencil). Labs must be in ink.
3. Answer in complete sentences, please do not rewrite questions or give fragments or one word answers. Fragments and one word answers will be graded as incomplete ("It" is not a subject!).
4. Show all work and units for any math problems (answers without calculations will not receive credit).

B. **Quizzes (Fast 5s):**

Fast5s are unannounced 5 minute quizzes that will be given frequently (expect at least 2-4 each week). Fast5s give you (and me) an idea of how well you are preparing for class and the format for test questions.

C. **Tests:**

There will be two to four tests per marking period. Tests will always be announced at least a week in advance. If you are absent on the day of a test you will need to take the test after school or during a study hall within 2 days of your return to school.

D. **Labs and Lab reports:**

You are required to keep a lab notebook (in addition to your class notebook). The lab notebook must be a hard-backed composition book. Labs are scheduled each week and there will be additional class time devoted to lab. For most lab reports you will submit your lab notebook. I also consider your behavior and performance in lab as part of your lab grade. If you are absent on a lab day you will need to make an appointment with me to make up the lab within one week

either after school or during a study hall. Failure to schedule a make-up in this time results in a grade of “0”.

**E. Notebooks:**

Notebooks are required! Your notebook will contain all your class notes, assignments, handouts, tests and quizzes and references. The notebook must therefore be able to bind all your papers together, have the ability to remove and replace papers, and have a sturdy cover; therefore, the notebook should be a 3-ring binder. This notebook **must be brought to class every day**.

**F. Projects and Science Fair Project:**

There will be a project (about one every marking period). Part of the Honors Program is the opportunity to perform individual research and most of the projects are geared toward completing this science fair style project. We will discuss this project in detail in class. If you attend the science fair your Midterm grade will be changed to a grade higher than the original raw score. If you already received an “A” on the Midterm this will be applied to the course Final Exam. If you get a first place at the science fair you will receive an “A” on the Final!

**G. Midterm and Final Exams:**

You will take a midterm and a final and the grades count toward your 5<sup>th</sup> marking period grade. The 5<sup>th</sup> marking period grade also includes your science fair project grade.

**Grades** are calculated on a percentage basis: A = 90-100; B= 80-89; C= 70-79; D = 60-69. I set my ed-line account to round to whole numbers- so the grade you see on ed-line has already been rounded up! **Grades are Posted Weekly on Ed-Line.**